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SUBJECT: AEC CALL ON MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY

1. AEC OFFICIALS ERLEWINE AND GIAMBUSSO, ACCOMPANIED BY DCM, ON AUGUST 26 CALLED ON MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY UEKI AS PART OF PROGRAM OF HIGH LEVEL GOB VISITS IN BRASILIA PRIOR TO OPENING OF NUCLEAR ENERGY SEMINAR IN RIO. DURING MEETING ERLEWINE REVIEWED CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING ALLOCATION OF CONDITIONAL CONTRACTS FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND DISCUSSED FUTURE PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY UEKI, ERLEWINE EXPLAINED AEC POLICY ON ENRICHMENT PRODUCTION IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND ON FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN US FACILITIES. UEKI NOTED THAT GOB HAD PROBLEMS WHEN CONTRACT ALLOCATIONS WERE ANNOUNCED AND SAID THAT FOLLOWING RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY, PROBLEM NO LONGER SEEMED SERIOUS. AEC OFFICIALS ALSO REVIEWED LEGISLATIVE PICTURE AFFECTING AEC REORGANIZATION AND PASTORE AMENDMENT WHICH THEY MENTIONED MIGHT AFFECT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION IN US-BRAZIL BILATERAL.

2. COMMENT: UEKI AND CNEN CHAIRMAN, CARVALHO, WHO ALSO ATTENDED MEETING, HAD QUESTIONS REGARDING DETAILS OF AEC REORGANIZATION BUT NEITHER FOLLOWED-UP ON POINT MADE BY AEK OFFICIALS THAT AMENDMENT TO ATOMIC ENERGY ACT COULD
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POSSIBLY AFFECT MODIFICATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

3. AEC BRASILIA VISIT ALSO INCLUDED CALL ON SECRETARY GENERAL
OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND A LUNCHEON
HOSTED BY DCM FOR KEY MEMBERS OF BRASILIAN CONGRESS CONCERNED
WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY AND OFFICIALS FROM CNEN AND MINISTRIES
OF MINES AND ENERGY, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, AND FOREIGN
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